

# DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2022

Council meeting came to order at 7:03 p.m.

## COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem	Jeffrey Thrush
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long (absent)
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

## Public Comments

- Dianne Price, of Schuylkill Street, asked Council when the streets will be paved. She pointed out that Borough residents are taxed for street maintenance.
- Kavrina Kelly, Central PA Food Bank's Mobile Distribution Coordinator, is asking for a "Just in Time" pantry to be placed in the Borough. Distribution would be monthly. 330 people are being served in Dauphin and surrounding communities.
- Rob Gill, of Deibler, Straub & Troutman, presented the annual renewal of insurance. He'd like to follow up with an additional meeting. Council stated they would be in touch.
- The Lions Club Carnival will run from July 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> with fireworks on Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Acceptance of Minutes**

A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush to accept the Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

## **Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report**

No Report

## **Joint Fire Commission Report**

- The Committee meeting was held on June 28, 2022. A closing balance of \$201,261.86 was reported in the money market account as of June 27<sup>th</sup>. The fire company vehicle replacement fund account totals \$196,416.09 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The Auditor General's office has completed its audit of the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association account without any corrections needed.
- Following installation of the extreme rugged laptop PC in Attack 38, it was determined that the vehicle lacked a battery charger component so the committee approved the purchase of a dual charger. The Committee also approved an expenditure of \$49,175.41 to Witmer Public Safety Group for the breathing air compressor system.
- An award letter from Dauphin County for \$55,000 for debt service on the Fire Company's loan for acquisition and outfitting of the Ford F-150 Squad 38 was received.

## **Parks and Recreation Report**

- President Pro Tem Thrush informed Council that Parks & Recreation had their last meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be September 26<sup>th</sup> at the township building.

## **Engineer's Report**

- The Committee wants to schedule a review of streets to update the Street Priority List. Vice President Musselman and Councilman Pro Tem Thrush will be the contacts.
- A committee should meet in light of the possibility of available Stimulus Funds and consider reaching out to the PA Legislative Representative.
- The revised Hillside Subdivision was resubmitted for signatures to Middle Paxton Township with the final revisions. The revised Plan will be delivered to the Borough and compliance should be confirmed before signatures are applied to the Plans.
- A meeting was held April 27, 2022 at the Borough office with LDI and a contractor to discuss the Agreement required between the Borough and the Developer/Contractor. LDI is preparing those documents for review. LDI was requested to replenish their escrow account.
- The DCNR closing documents are being prepared for submission to close out the Project. DCNR reminded us that American Rescue Plan Funds are now eligible for parks and recreation and a matching grant request would "go farther" with Phase II.
- The Pastor of Freedom Bible Church spoke about filing an appeal with COG regarding their desire to add windows to their church addition.

## **Solicitor's Report**

- Solicitor Statler informed Council that a reduction of council members can be done via a petition that needs to be signed by 5% of registered voters. It can only be filed once every five years.
- Regarding Act 43, the best course of action is to go through the Municipal Authority with a resolution. If Council does it by ordinance, it puts us in PUC jurisdiction.

## **Mayor's Report**

- The Fire Company responded to 15 calls in June.
- On June 16<sup>th</sup>, a young child fell from High Street to Erie Street and was transported by ambulance to Kennedy Field and flown to Hershey Medical Center. PSP was on location.
- On June 19<sup>th</sup>, there was a motor vehicle accident with injuries at the off ramp at the end of Allegheny Street. The vehicle took out the guardrail and the bridge heating system control panel. PSP and PPL were on scene.
- On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a couch was set on fire along the river bank at Market Street and River Road. PSP were notified.

- On June 30<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 11:00 pm, three teenagers were found in the playground pavilion. The Mayor advised them of park rules and gave a warning.
- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, a mini bike was observed running through the Allegheny Street area. The Mayor made contact and advised the rider of ordinances and PSP being contacted.
- On July 5<sup>th</sup>, there was a dumpster fire behind 232 Erie Street. The cause of the fire was determined to be hot firework shells which were thrown in the dumpster.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- A motion to accept the June 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

- The Administration Committee stated that the local municipal grant association wants a feasibility study to see what the payments would be.
- Pocono Business Park, LLC filed a land use appeal to the Dauphin County Court regarding the zoning ordinance. They are in litigation now.
- Councilwoman Koppenhaver's term ends on January 2026. An appointee would serve through the next general election (January 2024). There were two nominees: Penny Amrhein and Steve Harris. A motion was made by President Musselman, seconded by Council Pro Tem and passed unanimously to appoint Mr. Harris, who received the most votes.

### **New Business**

- A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-03, AMERICA250PA, was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilwoman Burton and passed unanimously.
- A motion to proceed with acquiring plaques for Don Harner and Community Park was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and passed unanimously.
- A motion to pass Resolution 2022-04, electing Mr. Harris to Council, was made by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

None

## Committee Reports

### Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- No updates

### Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- Vice President Musselman and Engineer Heigel will meet to discuss temporary speed humps.
- Tapper & Sons HVAC contract will be reviewed.
- It was noted that Middle Paxton Township's contract with Waste Management ends in September.

### Community Affairs – Burton

- Mayor McKenna stated he'd like four "Children at Play" signs. Vice President Musselman will order them.

### Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- No report

## ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

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Linda S. Durgin  
Administrator/Secretary

Approved:

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Brian Cuddy  
President, Borough Council